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COUNTY: York

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CLASS : Home

# --- THOMAS AMORY HOME ---

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1. SUBJECT:

Thomas Amory Home.

2. LOCATION:

.5 mile southeast of Messick, Virginia, on Route #172, on the west side of Route #172.

3. DATE:

About 1828.

4. OWNERS:

In 1828 Thomas Amory bought 25 acres from Josiah and Sally Evans.
In 1848 he bought five acres from John Tabb.
The home is now owned by Mrs. Mary Jane Forrest, wife of the late S. J. Forrest, Sr.

5. DESCRIPTION:

There have been very few changes made in this house. It is T. shape with two brick chimneys, one at each end. One part of the house is one story and a half and the other part is one story.
The roof is gabled with wooden shingles.
On the front is a porch with four square posts or columns.
On the second floor are two bedrooms, with two windows. The stairway is boxed.
The living room is the room on the first floor of the one story and half structure, and the stairway opens into this room.
There was a colonnade which was used for a sitting room and joining this was another room. The Colonnade with a slanting roof, opens on the front porch which has four plain square columns about four inches in diameter.
On the south end is a bedroom. At the back is a shed used for cooking and eating purposes.

6. HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

None.

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7. ART:

8. SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

Informant: Mrs. Alton White, Messick, Virginia.

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION OF BUILDING CALLED FOR IN 3686
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Name of Building Thomas Amory Home

EXTERIOR

1. Building Plan T. Cellar ( )
2. No. of stories: ( 1½ ) Attic classed as 1/2 story.
3. Material: Brick ( ) Frame ( x ) Stone ( ) Log ( )
4. If brick, state what bond: Flemish ( ) English ( ) Common ( ) Other ( )
5. Kind of roof: Hip ( ) Gabled (x) Gambrel ( ) Lean-to ( ) Deck ( )
6. If church, describe or draw sketch of roof on reverse side.
7. Roof Material: Slate ( ) Shingle (x) Metal ( ) Tile ( )
8. Chimneys: Number ( 2) Brick ( x) Stone ( ) Location One at each end. One in the kitchen.
9. Weatherboarding: Whitewashed. Beaded ( ) Plain ( )
10. Cornices: Plain or Elaborate None Material
11. Windows: Number ( 12) Size and number of panes 8 x 10 eight panes
12. Shutters: Describe: None
13. Dormers: Number, and Shape of roof None
14. Porch: Plain
15. Type of Entrance: None
16. Columns: Doric ( ) Ionic ( ) Corinthian ( ) Square (x) four

INTERIOR

17. No. of Rooms: ( 6 ) Large (2 ), Small (4 ) Approximate ceiling height
18. Stairway: Open String ( ) Closed String ( ) Describe: Boxed
19. Cellar: Describe None
20. Doors: Style and type of wood Four Panels
21. Walls: Panelled, papered or painted Plastered and painted.
22. Interior Cornices None
23. Hardware: Locks and hinges Common brass locks and hinges
24. Floors: Medium width boards
25. Mantels: One plain
26. Misc: None
27. Present condition: and state if spoiled architecturally by remodelling: In fair condition.
28. Does occupant seem to appreciate old architectural features? No.

Your Name Mary E. White.